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Highlights

PRELIMINARY U.S. COAL PRODUCTION
ESTIMATED AT 784.9 MILLION SHORT TONS IN 1983

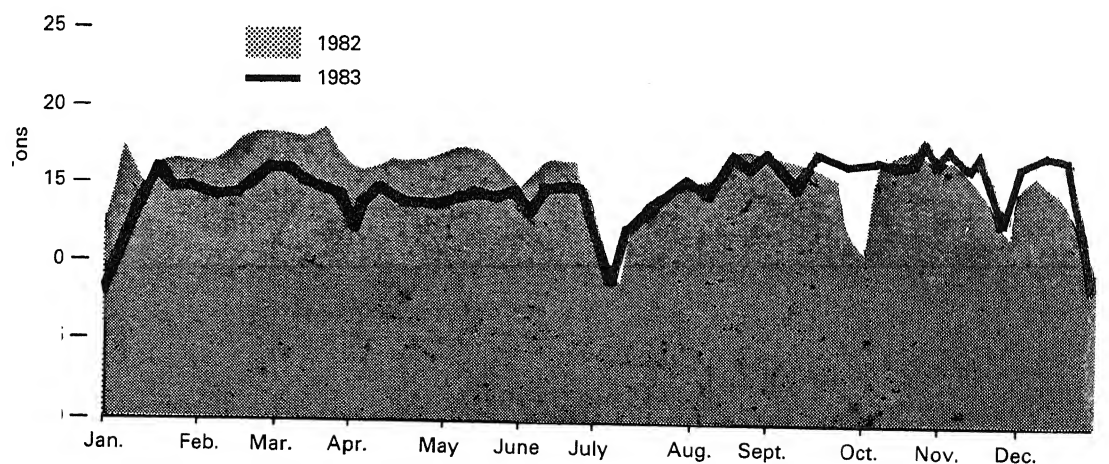
Coal Production in the United States in 1983, as estimated by the Energy Information Administration, was 784.9 million short tons, down 6.4 percent from the record-high 838.1 million short tons produced in 1982. Coal production in the fourth quarter of 1983, however, unlike output in the three previous quarters, rose substantially over year earlier levels. Production in the final three months of 1983 totaled 209.7 million short tons, an increase of 5.9 percent from output of 198.0 million short tons in the fourth quarter of 1982.

U.S. coal production in 1983 consisted of an estimated 780.9 million short tons of bituminous coal and lignite and 4.0 million short tons of Pennsylvania anthracite.

The largest decline in production in 1983 occurred in the Appalachian Region, where output was an estimated 58.8 million short tons below that of 1982. Coal production in States in the Interior Region declined 0.6 million short tons, while production in Western States rose an estimated 6.1 million short tons in 1983.

With an estimated output of 133.7 million short tons, Kentucky continued as the Nation's largest coal producer. Wyoming, with output of 116.8 million short tons, became the second largest producer by outproducing West Virginia. Ranking third among coal producing States, West Virginia produced 111.1 million short tons in 1983, 17.5 million short tons below output in 1982.

Figure 1. Production of
Bituminous Coal and
Lignite, 1983
(Million Short Tons)



	Week Ending			Year to Date		Percent Change
	12/31/83 ^a	12/24/83 ^a	1/1/83	12/31/83 ^a	1/1/83	
Production	8,551	12,730	9,524	780,870 ^b	833,523	-6.3
and Carloadings	56,219	83,334	61,071	5,203,909	5,629,884	

^aPreliminary.

^bSource: Weekly carloading reports, Car Service Division, Association of American Railroads.

^cCumulative production in the period January 1 - December 24, 1983 revised from 766,577,000

short tons to 772,319 short tons based on a fourth quarter adjustment to weekly coal production

^dEstimates.

^eRevised.

Table 2. Production of Bituminous Coal and Lignite, by State (Thousand Short Tons)

State	Week Ending		
	December 31, 1983 ^a	December 24, 1983 ^a	January 1, 1983
Alabama	253	371	280
Alaska	11	16	12
Arizona	131	192	165
Arkansas	2	3	2
Colorado	203	298	211
Georgia	2	4	-
Illinois	602	883	610
Indiana	329	482	367
Iowa	5	7	7
Kansas	15	22	18
Kentucky	15	22	18
Eastern	1,077	1,728	1,111
Western	373	595	461
Total	1,450	2,323	1,572
Maryland	35	52	34
Missouri	52	77	60
Montana	313	458	355
New Mexico	247	362	286
North Dakota	208	305	244
Ohio	350	512	392
Oklahoma	50	73	47
Pennsylvania	733	1,074	853
Tennessee	82	120	83
Texas	371	544	413
Utah	133	195	193
Virginia	402	588	478
Washington	38	56	54
West Virginia	1,246	1,826	1,407
Wyoming	1,288	1,887	1,381
Total	8,551	12,730	9,524

^aPreliminary.
Source: Weekly carloading reports, Car Service Division, Association of American Railroads, and selected State agencies.

Figure 2. Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite, 1983 (Thousand Short Tons)

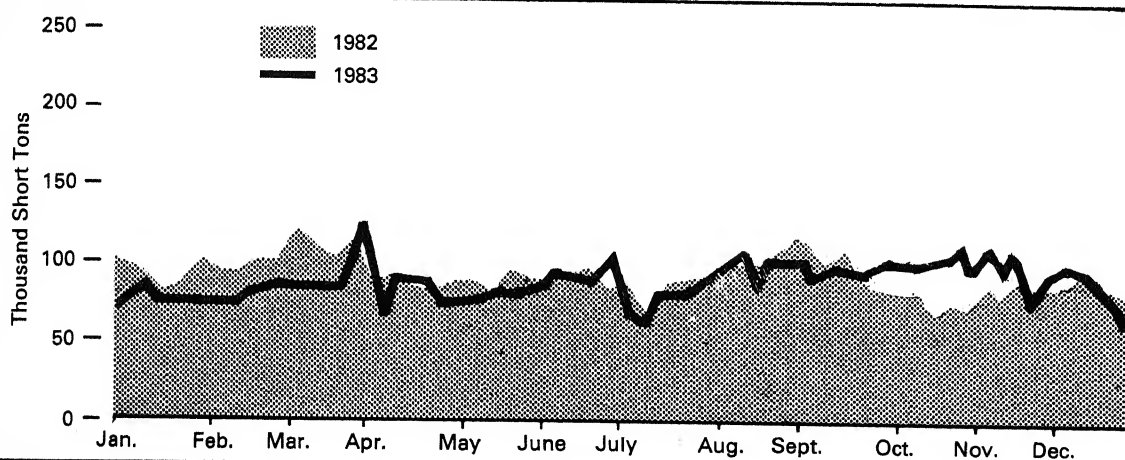


Table 3. Production of Anthracite (Thousand Short Tons)

	Week Ending			Year to Date		Percent Change
	12/31/83 ^a	12/24/83 ^a	1/1/83	12/31/83 ^a	1/1/83	
Total Production	55	74	84	3,995	4,588	-12.9
Railroad Carloadings	43	72	33	8,742	10,294	

^aPreliminary.
Source: Weekly carloading reports, Car Service Division, Association of American Railroads.